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December 2019 monthly report

July 22, 2021

Board of Ethics ATTN: Melissa Horn PO Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re:

Request for Waiver of Late Fee Assessments

Dear Ethics Board:

We are in receipt of 2 letters for late fee assessments for a May 2019 Monthly report and a December 2019 Monthly report. The May 2019 assessment is \$1,600.00 and the December 2019 assessment is \$3,000.00.

We are disputing both of the assessments and would like to request a complete waiver of the fees or at least a substantial reduction in both the fees. Here are the reasons why.

- (1) We attempted to fax the report in on the June 10, 2019; however, the fax did not go through apparently. As soon as we were aware the report had not been received, we immediately contacted your office via phone and sent it again.
- (2) It was also our understanding, in the months following based on a phone call to your office, that reports were not required unless there was activity related to a particular campaign, candidate, or issue. The December 2019 report only contained a yearly expedentiture for website hosting, which was not directly related to a campaign or issue.
- (3) Our chairman at the time (John Dalton Griffin) was taking over the duties of treasurer following my resignation on Feb 14, 2020, and requested that we send in the report (sent Feb 13, 2020 coverning Oct 2019 to Feb 2020) prior to my resignation.
- (4) We have had no other campaign activity since the May 4, 2019 election cycle.
- (5) Around April 9, 2021, after being selected as chairman again, I contacted your office to change our filing to "typical", discuss the filing schedule for that, and was also informed that we needed to remit our yearly filing fee, which I did.
- (6) On April 15, 2021, we received our certificate of registration and corresponding letter from your office
- (7) At no time during these conversations with your office was there any indication of problems or potential assessments.



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(8) Assessments in the amount of \$4,600 total would completely wipe out our finances and ability to potentially participate in the fall elections, should we choose to.

Based on these factors, we would like to respectfully request a complete waiver of the assessments or at least a substantial reduction in the amounts.

Sincerely,

Rex Moncrief, Chairman

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